## NO COST IMMUNIZATION WORKSHOP RETURNING TO TAMPA

# Florida HEALTH Pinellas County

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**St. Petersburg, FL**—Are you an RN, LPN, CNA, MA, office manager or physician looking for an interactive training on the changing needs in immunization education? This is your shot to learn about new strategies and tools to take back to your respective practice to become advocates for your fellow staff and clients. PITCH (Partners Immunizing Towards Community Health) will host its annual "Shots Across the Bay" Immunization Champion Train the Trainer Workshop, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saturday, June 10, at St. Joseph's Hospital, 3001 W. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Tampa.

The workshop is offered at no charge and participants completing the program will earn four continuing education credits (CEUs). The workshop is open to anyone who works with immunizations, including RNs, LPNs, CNAs, MAs, office managers and physicians. Topics for the workshop include:

- Vaccine Overview
- Vaccine Hesitancy and Talking to Parents
- Vaccine Storage and Handling
- Data Loggers/ VFC Program

- Importance of Adult Boosters
- Presenting Adolescent Vaccines
- Vaccine Administration
- Florida Shots and Fixing Errors

Partners for the workshop also include the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County, Florida Shots<sup>™</sup> and BayCare Medical Group. For more information, call PITCH at 727-820-4105 or email <u>PITCHnews@outlook.com</u>. To register online, go to: <a href="https://satbjune2017.eventbrite.com">https://satbjune2017.eventbrite.com</a>. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m.

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### **About PITCH**

PITCH (Partners Immunizing Towards Community Health) is a collaborative partnership dedicated to protecting the health of the community by raising immunization rates. Established in 2013, PITCH has expanded to a coalition supported by three lead partners; The Department of Health in Pinellas County, The Florida Chapter of the AAP, and Suwanee River AHEC. Currently there are nine participating counties: Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, and Sumter and more than 40 community partners with a vested interest in education, clinical outreach, and policy change to reach our shared goal of protecting children, teens, and adults from vaccine preventable diseases.

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